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In re Patent Application of:  
Zuoshang Xu *et al.*

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For: ALLELE-SPECIFIC RNA INTERFERENCE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Claims** are shown on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.